

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 3-9, 12-20, 23-31, 45, and 46 are amended. No new matter is added. Claims 3-9, 12-20, 23-31, 43, 45, and 46 are pending and under consideration.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

In the outstanding Office Action, claim 43 is allowed and claims 3-9, 12-20, 23-31, 43, 45, and 46 are indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

**CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 3-9, 12-20 23-31, and 45-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In response Applicants reviewed the claim language.

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

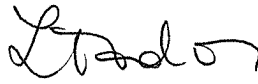
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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